

Like many who are blessed to call the 25th District home, Charlotte was not a native of Santa Clarita. Born in Chicago and raised in North Hollywood, she came to Santa Clarita in 1965 with her family, where she wasted no time in immersing herself in the philanthropic community. Throughout her life, she served on the board of the local Child and Family Center, Boys and Girls Club, Foundation for Children's Dental Health, and Samuel Dixon Family Health Center, in addition to serving on the Foundation committee for College of the Canyons and as an ambassador to the local Chamber of Commerce.

Both Charlotte and her late husband Frank, were recognized as Santa Clarita's Woman and Man of the Year in 1996 and 2002, respectively. Even after earning this prestigious award recognizing her lifetime of contribution to charitable causes in her community, she was still driven to continue finding ways to give back in any way that she could. Her contributions to the many non-profits and organizations in our valley are immeasurable, and our city is a better place because of her efforts.

I have long held the belief that charity is one of the most important moral cornerstones of our great nation. There are few things more honorable than living your life in the service of others, and Charlotte Kleeman is the benchmark for what it means to give back, help others, and blaze a trail of light that touches countless lives. We will always remember her service to the Santa Clarita Valley, and we will continue to honor her memory through acts of charity and by helping those in need.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MARC BARONCINI ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY**

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Marc Baroncini of Perrysburg, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Marc's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our Nation's military academies offers the opportunity to serve our country and receive a world-class education. At the same time, these young men and women undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Marc brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Perrysburg High School in Perrysburg, Ohio, Marc participated in community service for Zoar Lutheran Church. He competed in cross country and track and field, earning a varsity letter in both sports. After graduating Perrysburg High School in 2021, Marc went on to attend the United States Military Academy Preparatory School in New York.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Marc Baroncini on his

offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Marc will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF LT. JIMMY "COTTON" MCCOY**

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Lt. Jimmy L. "Cotton" McCoy, Retd., a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War who folded his earthly tent and transformed to eternal rest on Monday morning, May 23, 2022, after a period of declining health. Cotton, as he was universally known, was born the third of six children to Noel and Katie Putt McCoy. Growing up on Canal St. in east Tupelo, he attended Lawhon School, graduated from Tupelo High School in 1965 and attended ICC for two years.

Cotton answered the call of his country and served in the U.S. Army during the heart of the Vietnam War. He was a mortar man with the 173rd Airborne Division and a paratrooper. For his bravery and courage, he received many medals including the Bronze Star—declining a Purple Heart because he felt others deserved it more than he. Determined to continue in public service, Cotton graduated from the Miss. Law Enforcement Academy and became a police officer for the City of Tupelo. For 35 years, Cotton became a beloved figure among the citizens as a motorcycle cop and street patrolman. He always tempered justice with mercy whenever possible and was a strong mentor/teacher for many young people who just needed a steady force and guidance to get back on track in life.

Cotton retired in 2006 with the rank of Lieutenant. A great southern storyteller, Cotton endeared himself to family and friends with his yams and clever personality. He never met a stranger and loved being a citizen of Tupelo and Lee County. Cotton was a lifelong member of the East Heights Baptist Church, a Mason and Shriner, an avid gardener and gun collector.

Cotton was a dedicated servant of God, country, and state. My prayers will be with those mourning his loss.

**RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. VASTOLA**

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, on Friday, May 27th, Alfonso and Rose Marie Vastola of King George, Virginia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were joined by family and close friends to celebrate the occasion.

Alfonso and Rose Marie met in Newark, New Jersey at an Italian-American club dance in the neighborhood where Rose Marie grew up shortly after Alfonso immigrated to the United States from Italy. They were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Vailsburg, New Jersey in 1972 and were blessed with one daughter, Maria.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Alfonso and Rose Marie on this exciting occasion. Happy 50th wedding anniversary.

**REMEMBERING JOHN A. DUTRA**

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise along with Representatives KHANNA and LOFGREN, to recognize the life of John A. Dutra, former member of the California State Legislature, Vice Mayor, and 10-year member of the Fremont City Council, who passed away on May 29, 2022.

A son of immigrants, John was raised in Oakland and began his career as an engineer in the private sector and then worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

While working at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, John began working part-time as a realtor at California Realty. In 1972, John moved to Fremont to begin his own company, John A. Dutra Realty, which expanded to a large presence in Pleasanton with over 95 agents. The company would later open offices in Castro Valley, Livermore, and Tracy, and became the Number One Real Estate Company in the East Bay. The company flourished as a real estate development and investment firm.

During this same period, John was appointed to the Fremont Planning Commission, where he served four years, followed by the Fremont City Council, where he served ten years. He vigilantly oversaw the city's fiscal status while pushing for new social services, including the construction of the city's first homeless shelter and one of the city's first affordable housing projects.

John was subsequently elected to the State Assembly, and during his six-year tenure was a member of numerous standing committees, including, Budget, Housing and Community Development, Judiciary, and Insurance. He also chaired the Transportation, Information Technology, and Veteran Affairs Committees. Among other accomplishments, he led the funding for the retrofitting of the east and west spans of the Bay Bridge and secured over \$1,000,000 to retrofit the historic Mission Church in Mission San Jose.

Beyond his impressive public service and private sector career, nothing was more important to him than family. John is survived by his wife of 65 years, Bernadine F. Dutra; his children, John, Cynthia, Anthony, Dominic, and Diana; his 13 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Bernadette.

His dedication to his family and service to his community was always at the forefront of his mind and a trait that lives on in his family and every life he touched. John will be remembered by all those he impacted by his strength, brilliance, vision, and heart.